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**THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97(b)(3) and 1.98**

Dear Sir:

This is a third supplemental information disclosure statement submitted under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97(b)(3) and 1.98 in connection with the above-referenced pending United States patent application making of record five (5) United States patents, one (1) European patent, one (1) European patent application and two (2) German patent publications in connection with this pending United States patent application.

The five (5) United States patents which are U.S. 3,959,636; 4,525,071; 4,581,704; 4,705,083 and 4,850,703 and European patent application EP 0,743,149 are all in English. Accordingly, no concise explanation as to the relevancy of these references is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) as required.

European patent 0,587,085 and the two (2) German patent publications, Offenlegungsschrift 39 23 241 and Patentschrift 43 23 295 are all in German. No translation of any of these three (3) references is readily available.

European patent 0,587,085 appears to disclose a material handling system having blending equipment which may be relevant to the patentability of this invention.

German Offenlegungsschrift 39 23 241 appears to disclose a material handling system having blending equipment which may be relevant to the patentability of this invention.

German Patentschrift 43 23 295 appears to disclose a material handling system having blending equipment which may be relevant to the patentability of this invention.

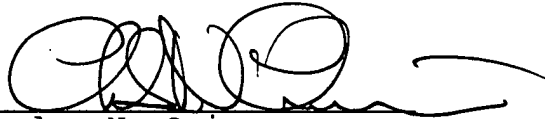
This collection of patents is accompanied by a completed Form PTO-1449 having each of those patents and the pertinent information therefor listed thereon.

We respectfully request careful consideration of these prior art references in connection with a prompt and thorough examination of the instant application on its merits.

It is further submitted that no fee is required in connection with the submission of this third supplemental

information disclosure statement because a first official action on the merits has not yet been issued. In the event that this is incorrect, please charge our Deposit Account No. 04-1406 accordingly. A duplicate copy of this third supplemental information disclosure statement is enclosed to facilitate such charging.

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